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SUBJECT: TRADEMARK APPLICATION FOR LOLLY-POPS

- 1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAINTAINS A PROGRAM TO PROTECT FOREIGN MARKETS FOR AMERICAN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES BY OPPOSING THE REGISTRATION BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OF TRADEMARKS WHICH ARE GENERIC TERMS. IF SUCH MARKS ARE SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED, THEY WOULD IMPEDE THE IMPORTATION OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME WORD IN THE LABEL. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE WORD "BEAN" WERE SUCCESSFULLY REGISTERED AS A TRADEMARK IN A COUNTRY, THEN ANY PRODUCT WITH "BEAN" ON THE LABEL (E.G., DEL MONTE GREEN BEANS, LIBBY BUTTER BEANS) COULD NOT BE LEGALLY SOLD IN THAT COUNTRY.
- 2. IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PROGRAM, COMMERCE WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE UNITED STATES TRADEMARK ASSOCIATION (USTA) AND OTHER TRADE GROUPS SINCE THESE ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THEIR MEMBERS RECEIVE EXTENSIVE COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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PENDING TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AND EXPRESS OBJECTION TO APPLICATION NO. 282122 FILED FEBRUARY 7, 1977 BY CONFITERIA AMERICANA S.A. DE VARIABLE, EL SALVADOR, TO REGISTER LOLLY-POPS IN CLASS

30 (FOOD PRODUCTS), ON GROUNDS TERM IS GENERIC AND NOT PROPERLY REGISTRABLE AS EXCLUSIVE TRADEMARK. OPPOSITION PERIOD EXPIRES APRIL 16, 1977. REPORT ON RESULTS REQUESTED.

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